

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Scoop

August 25-28, 2014

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West Central Elementary

## Character Education

The Character Education word for August is: Sportsmanship. A person who can lose without complaint or treats victory without gloating and is fair and courteous uses good sportsmanship. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!

## Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about Monarch butterflies and all about communities.

Vocabulary Words: nectar, migrate, larva, pupa, and communities



## Math

This week we will be working with understanding place value and making reasonable estimates. We will also work on problem solving. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

### Just a reminder:

**Homework is:**

\*Study spelling words

\*Read for 20 minutes every night

\*Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction

\*Practice writing short stories & work on fluency sheets

\*Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night.

## Creative Writing

We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are Common Core aligned. The students really get excited when it is writing time. We also share our stories with the class on our "Author's Chair."

## Spelling

The students are working on spelling words with short vowels this week. (a,e,i,o,u). We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.



## Dates to Remember:

September 2-

Bookmobile

September 5-

Scholastic Book Order

September 12 -

Homecoming Parade

September 17 - School

Pictures

September 17 - Teacher

In-Service- Dismiss

1:30

September 22 - Trojan

Reading Bowl - 7:00

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## Phonics & Grammar

\*Genre of tales, and connect prior knowledge

Reading:

Read Aloud Anthology

"Sophie's Masterpiece

Guided Reading Groups:

Fluency,

comprehension skills,

predicting, and author's

message, realistic

fiction, and author's

purpose.

Independent Reading

and A.R. Tests

## Vocabulary

High Frequency Words for this week are:

already, prove, sign, police, eight

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are:

ignore, dangerous, style, passion, challenge, underestimate, proficient, heed

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices.

Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to: Be Kind. Be Safe. Be ready learn.

## Read Aloud Charts

"When You Can Read" - (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Bookworm" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from it.

### Listening Center

#### Stories:

"Arthur's Reading Race"

& "Reading With Your Fingers" By Marc Brown

Genre: Fiction:

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: sign, police, eight, challenge

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message.

### Snacks

#### August

20 - Mrs. S.

21 - Mrs. S.

22 - Mrs. S.

25-28 - Mrs. S.

Students will bring snacks in September

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Open House- Thank you so much for attending Open House! It was a pleasure meeting each one of you! I was so excited to have such wonderful attendance. Your participation in your child's education is so important. If you have any questions about anything, please ask. If you did not get a chance to sign up to help with parties or the Field Trip and would like to be a part of it, just let me know and I would be glad to include you! Our Halloween Party is Oct. 31; Christmas - Dec. 19; Valentine Party- Feb. 13 and Field Trip- May 1. When I send home Scholastic Book orders, please make checks payable to Scholastic. Thank you for helping to make our first week of school a great success. We are ready to continue on in a positive manner.

### Quotes of the Week-

"Learn as if you were to live forever." **Albert Einstein**

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire" **William Yeats**

West Central Mission Statement: "To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world." West Central Hartford Elementary Mission Statement:

"Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

Our butterflies have arrived and we are enjoying watching the various stages they are transforming into. Ask your child about them.